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Avery Testimony Probed By Committee

Just before taking their places in landing craft that carried them to Hitler-held Europe, U. S. soldiers draw the field rations that will sustain them until supply lines begin to function on the beachheads they establish. (U. S. Signal Corps radiophoto via Federated Pictures.)

Directs Invasion

(Federated Pictures)

General Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander of the Allied forces invading the continent, is directing the battle for the liberation of Europe. He says the results justify "our faith".

Commander of the triumphant Allied 5th Army, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark rides past the Colosseum in Rome in the front seat (left) of a jeep. Lines of Romans cheered wildly as the Allies took possession of the Italian capital. (U. S. Signal Corps radiophoto via Federated Pictures.)

Refuses To Bow To Smith

Defeated In His Fight on OPA-WLB

WASHINGTON (FP)—Rep. Howard W. Smith (D. Va.) took a terrific lacing from the House June 7 when he attempted to get his amendments wrecking the OPA and the National War Labor Board into priority positions by a tricky legislative move.

Smith got the floor after the rules committee had reported out all of his amendments to the price control act, including two that dealt with the WLB. One would stop the WLB from ordering arbitration of disputes and the other would make WLB rulings subject to judicial review.

The Virginia polltaxer, a violent foe of labor and the President, turned to the Republicans saying "I'm going to give you a chance now. Are you game—to save the country from bureaucracy? Or will you run when the CIO comes after you?" He won some Republican applause and support from Rep. Hamilton Fish (R. N. Y.).

Fight Smith

Rep. Earl C. Michener (R. Mich.) and Rep. Jesse P. Wolcott (R. Mich.) fought Smith. Michener said the Smith proposal violated the house rules and infringed on the power of the banking and currency committee which is considering the price control bill.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D. Tex.) made a rare appearance on the floor to attack the action of the rules committee of which Smith is a member. He said the rules committee's action could hit every other committee. Majority Leader John W. McCormack (D. Mass.) told the House Smith's proposal would permit the rules committee to dictate to the entire house.

On two roll calls needed to dispose of the issue, Smith lost by 153 to 64 and 170 to 44.

Cooperatives Win Praise In Survey

WASHINGTON, June 10 (FP)—Organization of consumers co-operatives by unions was indorsed by the AFL June 8 in Labor's Monthly Survey, which said that in these days of high prices and poor quality goods in the stores, "union members are awake to consumers problems. Unions protect our income when we receive it, but how can we protect ourselves when we spend it? Many union members have already found the answer: organize consumers cooperatives; own and control the stores that serve you."

After pointing out the democratic organization of cooperatives, wherein business is decided by majority vote, the Survey said that in nearly 50 cities AFL members are buying from cooperatives and benefitting by high quality goods at fair prices.

Record Sales

More than 1½ million families in the U. S. are members of co-ops, and sales in all co-ops reached nearly a billion dollars in 1943, the article said. More than 5,000 co-op retail stores are selling groceries, gasoline, farm equipment, clothing and other items. These stores have joined together and set up 30 wholesale houses to save them money in buying in huge quantities.

Wholesale co-ops now have 112 factories, owned by the people, including flour mills, bakeries and other factories procanneries, gasoline refineries, ducing foods etc. Co-ops return to their members all savings made by factories, wholesales, and retail stores, amounting to $25 million a year.

CIO Chairman Proves Mail Order Head Lied

WASHINGTON, June 9 (FP)—Documentary proof that Chairman Sewell Avery of Montgomery Ward & Co. lied to the Ramspeck committee investigating the United States seizure of his Chicago plant was introduced before the probers June 8 by President Samuel Wolchok of the United Retail, Wholesale & Dept. Store Employes (CIO).

Recalling that Avery contended he was entitled to a NLRB election in the plant because of his knowledge from the drop in check-off payments that it represented only 18 to 20% of the workers, Wolchok offered in evidence an official, uncashed Ward check made out to the union.

The check was in the sum of $2,048 and the stub bore the notation that it represented checkoff payments for 2225 members employed in Chicago. A total of 177 workers who voluntarily signed checkoff cards either didn't work in the month covered or left their jobs.

Wolchok's Statement

Wolchok said that since the union's contract expired in December, the Ward check represented the very latest company figure on the union's status at Chicago. Since 4,700 workers are listed by the NLRB as eligible to vote, and 20% of that would be 940 workers, it is obvious that 2,048 is just under 50% of the total.

In addition, Wolchock said, "several hundreds" of Ward's employes were so intimidated by the firm's anti-union policy that they refused to sign the voluntary check-off cards in order to hide their union membership from the management. These workers, he said, paid their dues directly to the union each month—and the NLRB election showed the union had an overwhelming majority, as Ward's must have known from the records.

Two other checks figured in Wolchok's testimony. He said the United Automobile Work-

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Duluth Shows The Way

DULUTH, Minn., June 9 (FP)—A plant-by-plant job of political action changed Duluth from a town where half the union members could not vote to a close to 100% union registered town in less than four months. This is how it worked:

Concentrated registration campaigns invaded the large steel plants here week by week. Shop stewards of United Steelworkers (CIO) personally interviewed all workers, sent in the data on registration to the central office. Arrangements were made with the city registration clerk to send deputy registrars to the plants on a specified day.

Each shop steward organized his own group to be registered. Appointments were staggered by departments or shops throughout the day. Shop stewards then checked again all persons on their lists—and anyone who had escaped registering was urged to take advantage of the opportunity.

Scrap iron workers, Zenith Shipbuilding workers and employes of Coolerator, American Steel & Wire, Marine Shipbuilding & National Iron Works are now completely registered. CIO fur workers, state and county workers, gas and coke workers have all come through. More than 3,000 of the 4,000 CIO members who hadn't registered have been signed up since March 1. The remaining few hundred are expected before the registration deadline June 19. And, inspired by this job, the AFL is booming the registration of 4,000 members in the Diamond Calk and Butler—Duluth Shipyards.

Local 12 Women To Visit Ft. Knox

To Live and Train As Members of WACS

Melvin Schultz, President of Local 12 announced today that six Local 12 women, all of them war workers will be among the 200 UAW-CIO women members from seven states who will spend three days at Camp Knox, Kentucky, June 19-22.

Representing Local 12 will be Hazel Holtz, Cherrie Kaptur, Loretta Schillinger, Lulu Belle Stephanson, Emma Brown and Vilma Gavin.

During their three day stay at Camp Knox, the women will live the life of WACS and observe the use and performance of the war weapons and equipment they help build.

Live As WACS

From the time the women delegates arrive until they depart for home, they will be living exactly as WACS on special assignment to study the use and performance of ordnance. They will wear GI clothes, eat GI food, sleep in GI bunks and go through a GI training routine.

The trip is under the sponsorship of the UAW-CIO War Policy Division. Mrs. Mildred Jeffrey, head of the Women's Bureau, Miss Olga Madar, Recreation Director of Local 50, UAW-CIO, Ypsilanti, Mich., and Mrs. Grace Blackett, UAW-CIO International Representative, Chicago, worked out the details with the War Department. Victor Reuther, Assistant Director of the War Policy Division is in charge of the over-all arrangements.

Thomas Tells Purpose

R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW-CIO outlined the purposes of the trip. He said that the UAW wanted its women members, most of whom are new in industry, to see how the war weapons are used and stand up; to have soldiers to become aware of the work women are doing in the war industries and learn by meeting and talking with them the kind of earnest and determined women who are backing up the armed forces on the production front.

Mr. Thomas said that the union wanted the UAW women to learn how women in the armed forces live and train and what kind of work they do, and to help solidify relations between the armed forces and civilians by instilling even greater mutual confidence, understanding and respect for the part each has to do in the military test against the enemies.

States represented by the 200 delegates include Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Missouri and Kentucky.

Workers Approve Steel Merger

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—(FP)—Delegates to the fifth biennial convention of the Aluminum Workers (CIO) unanimously approved proposed amalgamation with the United Steelworkers (CIO) June 5.

The steelworkers have already taken similar action and merger is expected to be completed as soon as approval is obtained from the national CIO. Name of the amalgamated union will be United Steel & Aluminum Workers.

AW Pres. N. A. Zonarich was immediately congratulated on the convention's decision by Sec.-Treas. David J. McDonald of the steelworkers, who later addressed the delegates. The convention thanked Smaile Chatak, steelworker representative, who together with Zonarich, was instrumental in bringing about amalgamation. Congratulatory messages from Pes. Philip Murray of the steel union were received shortly after.

Against Patent Medicines

DETROIT (FP) — "Are you throwing your money away?" asks the UAW-CIO Health Institute (formerly the UAW-CIO Medical Research Institute.

"Each day workers are fleeced of millions of dollars and kept from actual cure of ill health by the use of preparations and treatment technics fraudulently advertised in the press, on billboards and over the radio.

"The Health Institute urges workers who have fallen for this type of advertising to place themselves in the hands of reputable physicians for proper diagnosis and treatment.

FDR, Senate Deluged with 'Save FEPC' Telegrams

NEW YORK, June 10 (FP)—Urgent demands for support of the Fair Employment Practice Committee and its $585,000 appropriation poured over the telegraph wires from leaders of labor, farm, religious and progressive organizations throughout the nation as FEPC faced threat of destruction in the senate.

AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray and President James G. Patton of National Farmers Union joined bishops, judges, editors, rabbis and other prominent Americans from every part of the country and every profession in calling on Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, Senate Minority Leader Wallace H. White, Jr., and Senator Kenneth McKellar, acting chairman of the senate appropriations committee now considering the FEPC budget request, to grant the funds and continue the life of FEPC.

Leaders Speak

Statements from 100 national leaders were forwarded to the key senators by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties as expressions of the overwhelming public support for the anti-discrimination policy championed by President Roosevelt in setting up the FEPC.

Asserting that the AFL legislative representative would appear before the senate committee to urge favorable action on the FEPC appropriation, Green promised the AFL "will do all we can to secure favorable action by congress."

A vote for FEPC's full appropriation was demanded of McKellar and every member of his committee by Legislative Director Dorothy K. Funn of the National Negro Congress. Pointing to the vital war job which FEPC has done and to the need for continuing this work, Miss Funn strongly urged each member of the committee to "weigh carefully the facts" and grant the appropriation. Local councils of the NNC and affiliated organization backed up her call with similar action.

Request Radio Talk

As a result of many requests which have been made to the "Labor Views and News" radio program sponsored and staged by Local 12 each Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p. m. over station WTOL, Lloyd Speidell will against discuss the War Labor Board at next week's program over the same station at the same time.

Mr. Speidell is the Local 12 board member in charge of War Labor Board cases. In his talk last Sunday, Mr. Speidell gave a general outline of labor's side of the War Labor Board and will enlarge on the subject next Sunday.

Labor news on the program is taken from the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

CIO Urges Blood Bank Support

COLUMBUS, June 8—In a letter sent out to all CIO councils throughout the state, George De Nucci, acting secretary-treasurer of the Ohio CIO Council urged members of the organization to give an ever-increasing donation of blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank and that they purchase more bonds.

Mr. De Nucci's letter asked CIO members to cooperate increasingly with all phases of the war effort including scrap drives, paper salvage and other war enterprises. He specifically asked, that "not a moment of work be lost than can be avoided.

Particular empnasis was placed upon the importance of giving to the Red Cross Blood Bank. Mr. De Nucci pointed out that the invasion with its increased number of wounded will increase the demand for life-giving blood plasma.

Hatch Act Case Set For Hearing June 29

WASHINGTON (FP)—Fighting for the right of federal employes to engage in political activity, the United Federal Workers (CIO) will open their case in U. S. District Court here June 29 to prevent the Civil Service commission from enforcing Section 9 (a) of the Hatch act.

In a statement June 8, the UFW said it will claim the section deprives government employes from rights guaranteed them under the constitution. Gen. Counsel Lee Pressman of the CIO will represent the union and the 12 federal employes bring the action.

Seamen Named Among First to See War Plainly

WASHINGTON (FP)—Capt. Edward Macauley, deputy administratio of the War Shipping Administration, in a message June 8 said "the men of the merchant marine were among the first to see the issues of this war plainly. You were the first Americans to volunteer and your brothers of the sea were the first Americans to die in this fight for freedom. The landings on the shores of France are the fruit of their sacrifice."

Capt. Macauley then called on "every seaman ashore to return to the sea to finish the task which they began.

TIUC Demands Bridges' Removal

Commends Plant Transportation Committees, OPA.

Immediate removal of Harry Bridges as west coast CIO regional director was demanded with the unanimous approval of more than 200 delegates of the Toledo Industrial Union Council when the CIO central body met at its regular session, June 8. Action on Bridges was precipitated by the Warehouse Workers, CIO, who passed a resolution earlier in the week demanding Bridges removal. Copies of the resolution were sent to the TIUC with a request by the AC Gehouse Workers that their 'ip n be concurred in and simi- action taken by the Council.

Condemn Bridges

Several delegates condemned Bridges as a strikebreaker and a stooge for the NAM. His action during the Montgomery-Ward strike in Chicago was cited and called "strikebreaking."

One delegate in discussing Bridges said, "I can remember when this body discussed resolution after resolution to protect Bridges. His action is a slap in the face to every member of the CIO. He must be removed from his position as regional director."

The resolution calling upon the national CIO to dismiss Bridges immediately was passed without a dissenting vote.

Praise Committees

Plant transportation committees were praised for their work in efficiently aiding in the gas rationing program in a resolution passed by the Council. Included in the resolution was commendation of the OPA for its cooperation and aid to the

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MEETING

There will be a meeting of all Softball Managers Monday at 8:00 p. m. Room 220. Equipment and schedules will be given out.

Louis Mattox
Softball Director

Glass Workers To Stage Celebration

To Burn Mortgage; Will Hold Open House June 24

Officers and members of Local 9, Flat Glass Workers, CIO, will celebrate the paying off the debt upon their headquarters, 513 East Broadway, by burning the mortgage at an open house celebration in their building on June 24.

Present headquarters of the glass workers, a two-story building which formerly housed the Taylor exchange of the Ohio Bell Telephone Co., was purchased from the utility in Sept. 1941. The mortgage has been paid off in less than three years.

Provides Ample Space

Ample space is provided on the first floor for dues and officers offices. Two meeting rooms providing ample space for small and large gatherings are located on the second floor. A library was recently started to which books are being added each month.

Plans are under way for developing the basement into a recreation center for the members and their friends and families.

Guests Invited

Open house will be held at the headquarters on June 24 begining at 6:00 p. m. Local and out-of-town guests have been invited including James Frosh, International president; Leland Beard, International vice-president; Lewis McCracken, International financial secretary and Edward McVann, district president, all of Columbus.

Officers of the Toledo Industrial Union Council and Local CIO unions have been invited to attend the celebration.

Local 9 now has 3785 members employed by the Libbey-Owens-Ford Co.

Officers of the Local are William Akos, president; George Scott, vice-president; Thornton Parrish, 2nd vice-president; John O'Shea, chairman; Charles Forman, vice-chairman; John Boardman, recording secretary; Harry Scott, financial secretary; Ted Liemann, guide; John Leach, Lawrence Lavrar and Lawrence Chandler, trustees.

HEY, GIRLS

WASHINGTON—(FP)—Because some storekeepers are greedy and American women, with a pent up yen to get fancy nylon stockings, are being fooled into joining "Nylon Priority Clubs" in many cities, the OPA issued an official warning June 9 saying such plans violate U. S. regulations. OPA said it is necessary to buy rayon or lisle hose and get a "Nylon Priority Club" card punched in order to get nylons when they are again available.

Where First Blow Fell

The first terrific D-Day blow was struck by the Allies on the first day of the invasion of France in this area—from Cherbourg to Dieppe. Moving swiftly across the channel from the English coast, the Allied troops swooped down on the northwestern coast of France.

G. I. Bill A Fraud Say UAW-CIO Veterans

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Branding the House version of the "G. I. Bill of Rights" now before Congress as a "fraud," representatives of 300,000 war veterans, members of the United Auto Workers (CIO) conferred in Washington with Congressmen and demanded that Brig. Gen. Frank Hines, head of the Veterans' Administration, throw his influence behind the Senate version of the servicemen's legislation.

"Returning servicemen will be outraged when they learn how the Senate bill was mangled and the benefits and protection they expected denied them," declared Wendell Hardy, Cris Topel and Clifford V. Fay, members of the continuing committee of the UAW Veteran's Bureau. Hardy, a veteran of Pearl Harbor and several major Pacific engagements, was awarded the Purple Heart and a Presidential Citation. Topel fought in the battles of North Africa and was wounded at Cassino. Fay, a World War I veteran, was wounded in France.

Veterans Write Hines

In a letter to Hines the union veterans expressed emphatic objection to the unemployment provisions in the House bill which reduces the amount of unemployment compensation below that in many states, and abolishes the allowance for dependents. Moreover, they pointed out, the bill cuts the duration of unemployment compensation from 52 weeks to 26 weeks.

Establishment of a new employment agency within the Veteran's Administration which would be dual to the U. S. Employment Service was also opposed by the UAW veterans. The Senate bill, which passed that body unanimously, provided for creation of a Placement Service Board in the USES.

Kardy, Topel and Fay also told Congressmen that their organizations endorsed legislation such as the Kilgore bill to prevent mass unemployment after the war. The Kilgore bill, they said, seeks to mitigate the effects of cutbacks and reconversion unemployment.

Executive Board of Local 9 Glass Workers

—Photograph by Bill Close.

Federation of Glass Ceramic and Silica Sand Workers of America affiliated with CIO will celebrate an open house given by Local 9 on June 24, 1944 in honor of clearing of the debt on their building. Pictured sitting left to right: Harry Scott, financial secretary; Geo. Scott, vice president; Wm. Akos, president; Leona Zieroff, committee. Standing: Lawrence LaVrar, Jimmy Struffalint, Charles oFrman, Gene Davis, Joseph Thomas, Johnny Kriger, Edward Fontaine, Bill Boardman, Wade Williams, Merrie Steward, Thorton Parish, John Leach, Don Gandy.

President R. J. Thomas Asks More Than Support

The UAW-CIO favors continuation of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices and has asked the two Michigan Senators to give the committee's budget request more than "passive support," President R. J. Thomas said today.

In identical letters to Senators Vandenberg and Ferguson, Thomas said, "the exceedingly close vote of approval the FEPC received in the House of Representatives gives us cause for some concern.

"It indicates, we think that mere passive support for FEPC's budget request in the Senate is not enough.

"As a Senator from Michigan, where racial disturbances due in large measure to economic disfranchisement have been most acute, it is reasonable to expect that you will take an active part in this effort of our National Government to point the way to a sane and sensible consideration of such problems."

George W. Crockett, Jr., a member of President Thomas' staff working on minority problems, visited the Michigan Senators recently and sought unsuccessfuly to obtain commitments from each of them to speak on the Senate floor in favor of FEPC's budget request.

"We can understand, of course, your reluctance to commit yourself beforehand to speak on the floor of the Senate in favor of this controversial issue," Thomas said. "But we sincerely hope that after you have read the enclosed summary, prepared by our War Policy Division and setting forth briefly the effective work this agency has done notwithstanding its limited resources, you will find it possible to accede to our recent request that you speak out in the Senate in favor of FEPC's continuation."

FEPC requested a budget of $585,000 to insure its operation for another year. The Appropriations Committee of the House recommended, and the House by a majority of four votes approved, a budget of $500,000 for this war agency created by Executive Order 9346. The measure is now in the Senate whose Appropriations Committee completed hearings on it last week. Unless the Senate approves FEPC's request before June 30, this agency which was set up to investigate and correct cases of alleged discriminatory employment practices in war industries and in the Federal service will cease to exist.

UAW-CIO War Chest

Of interest to members of Local 12 who have cooperated and contributed to the campaign of the Greater Toledo Community War Chest, is recent word from War Prisoners Aid, which reports that results of sports activities in this country are furnished to Americans who are war prisoners in Germany shortly after the events have taken place.

War Prisoners Aid of YMCA send a weekly summary of track, baseball and other events to these sports-loving fighting men. Prepared by Stanley Frank, sports editor of the New York Post, the summaries are written in the breezy style that is so familiar to readers of American sports pages and then cabled to Geneva through the cooperation of Time, Inc.

From Geneva, the cables are sent to camps wherever Americans are held captive. In some camps these summaries are posted on bulletin boards and in others they appear in camp newspapers.

War Prisoners Aid is one of 19 war relief agencies affiliated with the National War Fund and supported by the Greater Toledo Community War Chest. The Chest also benefits 9 war-community services and 42 local health and welfare agencies.

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plant transportation committees.

The resolution which came in for considerable discussion was passed with but a few scattered dissenting votes.

Vote PAC Support

A motion to give the CIO Political Action Committee full support by all Locals affiliated with the TIUC was unanimously passed by the delegates.

A long discussion took place on the motion particularly on the setup of the committee with respect to its officers. It was pointed out that the officers were chosen to give Locals representation based upon their relative size, and all Locals were urged to give the political committee fullest support and cooperation now, and in the fall campaign and election.

The Thursday night meeting was the first under the new rules of Council with the meeting beginning at 8:30 p. m. instead of 8:00 p. m. as formerly. The next meeting of the TIUC will be held Thursday, July 13 at 8:30 p. m.

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ers (CIO) and the United Steelworkers (CIO) had presented his union with $25,000 each in two checks to help organize Montgomery Ward throughout the country."

Carey Testifies

Also appearing for the workers at the hearing was CIO Sec. Treas. James B. Carey, who told the committee that "Sewell Avery and Montgomery Ward have followed a policy calculated to incite deep antagonisms and endless controversies. The evidence offered here will prove that the companies Sewell Avery dominates have persistently sought to deny their employes the privileges of self-organization, that they have exhausted every device to delay and prolong the determination of bargaining representative, and that the so-called collective bargaining in which they have engaged has been a sham and a pretense."

"Bonds for Babies" Promotion Warrants Disney Certificate

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 15 — Four-months-old John William Dyber, son of Corporal John A. Dyber of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and Mrs. Dyber, East Hartford, Connecticut, is having the right start in life.

He became the first Connecticut baby to own a War Bond in the "Bonds for Babies" promotion.

To pennies she and her husband had saved for Baby John's first War Bond, Grandparents Dyber and Shepherd's added enough to cover the purchase of that first $25 Bond. Thus Baby John became the first Connecticut junior to receive a Walt Disney Certificate of Ownership issued by the U. S. Treasury through state headquarters.

Corporal Dyber, Baby John's father, is finishing training at

Officer's Candidate School, Fort Belvoir. Before entering the Army, the Corporal attended Springfield (Massachusetts) College, and was employed by a construction company in Bermuda for seven months.

Before their marriage on December 19, 1942, Mrs. Dyber was employed by an insurance company. Just now it's a full time job rearing Baby John. Her special war work is saving more pennies and buying more War Stamps to keep Baby John's War Bonds coming right along regularly. She has almost enough to invest in the second $25 Bond.

"Buying Bonds for Johnny is one way in which I can help to shorten the war. I want my husband to come home soon, I want Johnny to have a good education waiting for him when he grows up and I want to help all the other mothers, fathers and children whose lives are affected by the war. Buying War Bonds is the one way I can take part in the war, since all my energies are devoted to raising Johnny to be a credit to his soldier-father and to future America."

Other Connecticut parents and relatives of tiny babies feel the same way. To date 351 tiny tots have become bondholders in the "Bonds for Babies" program. A similar program has been organized in other states throughout the country.

WASHINGTON (FP)—In special D-Day messages, AFL Pres. William Green, CIO Pres. Philip Murray and presidents of AFL, CIO and railroad unions pledged allout support to the invasion of Europe and uninterrupted production until victory is won.

AFL, CIO Unions Rally Everywhere on D-Day

NEW YORK, June 8 (FP—D-Day welded the American labor movement into a rededicated home-front army behind the great Allied army invading Europe.

Throughout the nation unions greeted the tremendous news with wires of fullest support to the commander-in-chief, President Roosevelt, with cables to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, with pledges to increase war production and to keep the no-strike pledge, placing victory above all else. In war plants and shipyards, on street corners and at public meetings everywhere, workers rallied in grave celebration of the long-awaited day of invasion.

In New York unions laced the city with lunch hour street corner meetings—office workers in financial district and Times Square, transport workers in the subways, union dressmakers and furriers in the clothing center, government workers at City Hall, seamen on the waterfront. Thousand of workers poured out of shops late in the afternoon as AFL and CIO unions rallied their members to parade with union banners to the mass citywide services proclaimed by Mayor F. H. LaGuardia.

Give Out News

Loudspeakers from union headquarters boomed latest invasion news all day long onto the city streets. Special union salesmen did a rush business in war bonds and workers pledged thousands of pints of blood.

In Pittsburgh, the giant Westinghouse local of United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO) held a huge mass meeting where both management and labor repeated the no-strike pledge In Schenectady, N. Y., UE production councils met in the General Electric plant to plan speeded war production.

In Chicago 45,000 workers on the night shift learned the news only a few hours after the invasion flash through a Second Front extra of The Chicago UE News, rushed by truck to 60 war plants.

Workers Kept Informed

The Chicago Federation of Labor said: "Our hearts and souls and bodies are all with those boys over there. May they be in Berlin soon and we'll see they get everything they need to get there. Then on to Tokio." Loudspeakers at the great Chicago war plants—International Harvester, Dodge, Buick, Douglass Aircraft,, Amertorp—kept workers constantly informed of invasion developments.

In Detroit the men who made the bombers and fighters, tanks and trucks now raining destruction on the Nazis greeted the invasion with solemn promises to back the attack until the end.

"Now that the great assault has started nothing else counts," Pres. Frank X. Martel of Detroit & Wayne County Federation of Labor told FP. "Everyone in America must devote his full energies to backing up the armed forces.

U. S. Court Socks Montgomery Ward

CHICAGO (FP)—Montgomery Ward & Co., fighting the government on another front, found itself on the receiving end of a KO punch when the U. S. circuit court of appeals held the Sewell Avery firm guilty of violating OPA price ceilings.

Upholding a lower court injunction against Ward's the circuit court declared that the firm "did not comply nor make any effort to comply with the provisions of the maximum price regulations."

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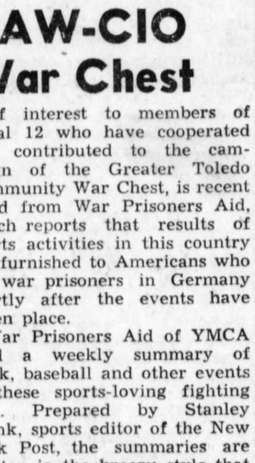

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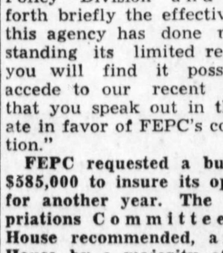

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Spicer Unit News

This happened some time ago but it's still good. Tom Adair's small baby had been visiting with some of the out of town relatives and was due in Toledo on the bus in the care of one of the aunts. Tom's wife supplied him with the necessary equipment and hurried him off to meet the bus. The bus was late, the station was crowded, the weather was hot. Tom looked at the scenery, fidgeted and, above all, perspired. He extracted the contents of his pocket and mopped his rather high forehead. A few people began to giggle and one fellow laughed out loud. Sensing that he was the center of attraction, Tom glared about belligerently until finally it dawned upon him that he had been wiping his face with a pair of dainty little panties thoughtfully provided by his wife for fear the trip had been too long for the baby.

We wonder—if Mr. Milne's popularity with the workers is going to continue to decrease in direct proportion to the length of time he is with us—and why he insists on the boys calling him "Ray" — and why Pecord won't let us print the names the boys in the shop have for the personnel men—if the company will be successful in its endeavor to remove our representatives from the Gas Rationing Committee—and if they are, will McClure continue to be as "generous" as in the past—if and when Dept. 125 will get some results on four long pending grievances —Why we have to lose such a good brother as Bert Weipert—If Laura Smethhurst will consider this column an improvement over our usual "dry" stuff —If the girls from the lunch booths will continue to attend the CIO Council meetings—Why you weren't there—Since Robbie Robbins says the softball team needs a shortstop why he doesn't take his own somewhat bowed legs to that position—If Dick Carroll can play as good a game of handball as he talks—Why Bohemian Benny Kaminsky smokes "Between The Acts" cigars—If Carl Joseph was one of the paratroopers who landed in France—If he will have a job when he gets home—Why we didn't see you at the last Spicer meeting — Why you don't post this column in your department?

Local 12 Camera Club News

Local 12, UAW-CIO ... well here's what you have been waiting for, picnics, luncheons, contest, dances, etc. to be held in the coming months.

There is always room for new members so send your name in now to join the gang in fun.

General discussion lately, has been based around the proposed picture contest open to all you Local 12 members. Details and rules will be published next week.

Keep your eye on this column.

LAKESIDE CHATTER

Buy war bonds, the Fifth War Loan drive is on. Lets make our shop go over the top this time. Lottie Schultz has been appointed chairman of the war bond Committee. If we all buy a bond, soon victory will be ours.

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Keep up the good attendance people make it your business to attend every unit meeting. Negotiations are now under way on your new contract and it's to your advantage not to miss a single meeting. Lets all remember the third Friday of every month.

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Chairman Maxine Comfort was presented with a beautiful leather bag and gloves by the packing dept. Maxine has represented the packing dept: since 1937 when Lakeside first organized.

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Irene and Emma from theicing dept. are planning to spend their vacation in New York again this year. This will be the 3rd summer Emma has spent in New York. What's the attraction, Emma.

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Vale, if you want to get that girlish figure you better not eat near Irene (pill-box) Radde anymore.

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Say Rita, how is that boat you and Lottie are building. It should be near completion by now. How about it.

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It seems every time the girls from the packing dept go bicycle riding. They always pass the Noval Armory. Quite an attraction their "huh" Dorothy.

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Alice Siwajek who has been ill for several weeks is back to work again. Glad to have you back Alice.

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Eddie Dankert formerly of the receiving dept. came to see the girls when he was home on a furlough. The Navy Blues were very becoming.

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ATTA BOY

Those of us who heard our own Bruce Melvin of the Transportation Committee on WTOL Sunday, June 4th, wish to congratulate him on the commendable way he handled his part in the program. Naturally we're proud to have a budding radio announcer in our midst. A little investigation has revealed that this was not Bruce's first acquaintance with the "mike." Anyway we think he did okay.

SOLDIERS FUND

To those of you who have contributed so willingly to the weekly collection for the soldiers' fund, and again when it was necessary to raise the contributions to 25 cents per person, we express our sincere thanks. Needless to say, most of you do realize what a check for $50.00 means to a fellow who must leave everything behind. Some of the others who have been offering such slim excuses as, "When that fellow gives, then I will too," or "I forgot my money today," must at times feel a little ashamed of these shallow alibis. Those who use these excuses know what they are. I wonder how far we would get in our offensives if our boys kept saying "If the other soldier will, then I will too?"

Don't be the last to give, be the first. Then the other fellow will follow up. Let's back the boys. Have that quarter ready when the steward comes by with the box next Monday. It is his job to go around and take up these collections and listen to these "Alibi Ikes." However, he knows it's for a good cause and he doesn't mind doing it for the boys.

A little note to the foreman in department B:

Seems to us that when the steward or committeeman is talking to a member it would show a little courtesy and horse sense if he would keep out of the conversation until asked to get into it. Remember George?

More about that fishing trip:

When Chuck Johnson, George Roberts, DeWayne Wisebaker and Cap Andrews went on this much-talked-about fishing holiday, they were fortunate enough to have a guide with them (George Roberts). Well, it seems that George was the one who knew where to fish, but as it turned out George was the only one who didn't know HOW to fish.

Incidently, when the boys arrived at the cabin, Cap was the first one to go in. The first thing he saw was an old rocking chair. Well, that was where Cap sat for 4 days . . . in the old rocking chair, sipping "Old Mr. Boston Rocking Chair" and "just a rocking."

As for Wisebaker, the only boy who caught a chub, thought it was a trout and in the excitement fell into the river.

It seems that "Old Black Snake Whip" Habicht is again showing his colors. Mr. Habicht was heard to remark "that he wouldn't give a thin dime to the soldiers' collection, because the union is back of it." In our estimation the Company would not like one of their men making such a statement, any more than our boys, who are doing our fighting and making it safe for him and thousands of others like him. We can thank God that we don't have many people in our plant like Mr. Habicht, otherwise our struggle for freedom would be defeated.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (FP)—In a move to spread their campaign for autonomy to all midwestern and eastern coal fields, delegates claiming to represent 100 locals of Illinois Dist. 12, United Mine Workers (unaffiliated), called a national conference of UMW provisional districts for Cincinnati July 2.

Willys Seeing Eye

There are many questions in this world today that we, the worker must answer during our working hours. Questions that are still on our minds while we play. We must answer them to our own satisfaction. Let's run over a few of the major issues that we must decide upon in the next year or two. You must determine the answers to the following:

What kind of a country do you want this, our United States, to be after the war? Do you want it to be run by a concern like the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce or by you and people like you?

Do you desire steady employment after the victory is ours? Thas is a question we are sure we can answer for you. We all want steady employment in the future. In order for us to obtain same, we must follow the policies of our union and its officers.

How much money do you imagine you are going to earn? We can tell you this much. If the workers and members of organized labor do not rise and voice their opinion in November for labor the vested interests that control the Congress' voting power and the big industrial interests will try to shove a general wage cut down our throats.

How many hours each week will constitute our working week? Brothers and Sisters that decision rests with you. If we stay united we will win. There is no other way. Let us choose our own kind of unemployment insurance. We are not satisfied with the kind of pile up money Bricker and his gang wished on us. With the amount of surplus money that is earmarked for this fund we should receive thirty dollars a week for forty weeks. We are not satisfied to give only one per cent to Social Security for it will not amount to very much per month when you get to old to work.

What about Public Works? Are you going to let the Tafts, Burtons, and Rameys tell you that you cannot have a job working for the government.

How about medical care from the cradle to the grave that is offered in the Wagner, Murray, Dingle Bill? Are you going to let a bunch of doctors who are scattered all over the country and who belong to the Academy of Medicine sell you down the river.

We sincerely hope that you are going to stand by the requirements of Article 9 of the UAW Constitution. Vote the same as an elected officer has to. Get out your constitution and read this article. Act with your officers.

Be sure you are registered at 217 Superior St. just next to the Esquire Theatre.

How many of you are interested in the newly formed CIO Political Action Committee for Social Legislation. It is a fine organization for the younger members. In a few short years, these same youngsters of our Union will be vitally interested in who runs for the office of U. S. Senators, Congressmen, or State officers; or any of the lesser offices of our national, state and county. In a short time, an organizer will call upon you. Give him your undivided attention for he is thinking of you and your future welfare. A great many of the older members have always belonged and we know how much good it did them and can do you. Let's all join.

With men like brother Dick Gosser, Melvin Schultz, Tom Burke and Charles Ballard to lead us, we cannot fail.

It's a pleasure to see Anthony "Tony" Kazmierczak, our former stock boy on his furlough. He visited well over the hour and looked very rugged. Surely was surprised and ever so pleased to receive our donation . . . Whoo—Whooo no wonder Mary is proud of that soldier husband. She had him in on a visit too . . . What a surprise for 'Boots", our farewell party. It had him sputtering, when he opened the gift his first words were, "My God." It was a wrist watch from the girls and boys and something he always had wanted . . . Anne Fisher proudly displayed medals belonging to her son for all to admire, a purple heart and oakleaf, no less . . . Jeannette returned from vacation in Fla. and looks shipper . . . Watch out for getting fingers in cab doors just ask her she knows . . . We've had so many happy service mothers what with the boys home on furlough . . . What is under Dick's hat we'd like to see . . . Hattie came in for a couple brief visits just recently after having another trip to the hospital. Hope she'll be able to return soon . . . Welcome back to the fold all who were on sick leave. Still miss faces of Lillian and Rosabelle . . . Just wonder what has become of Anna A . . . Hear "Peaches" is returning to the family again. She left us some time ago to go double harness and also away out to California . . . What little lady writes her darling nightly soon as her work is finished. 's okey Louise . . . Notice — Needed more cause for whistle practice—guards please note . . . Mayme was taken home ill the other night but is back on the job . . . Say thanks for the night shift shows. We like to relax a bit too. Just can't see why more won't let down pride and help out even if they do feel out of place. If we don't help —why do we think it is ok to watch the other guy.

We are proud of our Tiny Harmonizers. They are cute, can sing, and are sisters. They should help out . . . What w'd give to hear three nestlings bill and coo again . . . Carol is back on the job after a bitter siege . . . Florence had good pictures from Alutians . . . Everybody here loves "Joe" our matron . . . Never a dull moment with "Skiny Rose" and Lilah . . . Your reporter promised to do her bit on the show but now is scared maybe it will come out all right . . . All those filling "hopeless" chests should feast eyes on beautiful crocheting our "Stitch a Day Club" does after work is finished.

MATHER Mutterings

Do you see those Mather wolves hanging out the back windows looking so longingly at the girls around and about the W. O. yard? Some nice looking ladies there so I am told. How about it Skippy?

Bro. Warren Stevens accuracy in directing a bowling ball into that old one three pocket reminds me he was formerly very adept with a shot gun. He once went hunting alone, only five shells—his bag was three pheasants and three rabbits. Nice shooting Steve, keep on shooting for the pocket. Who knows?

Frank Laskey was hot in the Mfg. tournament for one game at least. A great big 257 with eight in a row, a good hit in ninth but the seven stood, came with another strike in the tenth.

Which two finish room employees had shipping clerk Meiring cornered trying so hard to squeeze out a couple of Annie Oaklies for the ball game?

LATE NEWS

Bob Dixon once again proud pappy. A nine-pound girl born Sunday, April 30. This is number four. Babe and Mother each doing fine.

John Johnston again on job after a week back home. See the great big smile? He had words with his draft board. Sunshine.

Old Dame rumor says Frank the plumber has secretely been married for several weeks. Good luck Frank but how about the cigars now?

Weasel: Who is the fancy pants repair tailor? Ants in pants eh? See you have bought a new pair since this was put in the red box.

Is Tony Kosnek, Jr. now a maintainance man or a group leader? See him under an eye machine with a couple wrenches the other days.

Chas Prest rapidly becoming the laziest man in the forge room. Drives his car from back door to curb where regular ride awaits him.

That fishing trip of Omey and Roy's at Roy's cottage simply too much wine for Omey. Sick in bed, awakened, a rush for the door, fell over railing into sand pile and screamed for help as he was drowning. Omey will claim this some what false but Roy says otherwise.

Boys on loading dock working in cars to be taught Braille system of reading. Use black-out lamps in lights to stencil and load product. Must be able to read stencil by touch. A larger watt bulb would do.

How come Eddie Hill, the answer to a maidens prayer never stops in that beer spot any more?

WASHINGTON (FP)—A very fine cooperation exists in the field between units of the AFL and the CIO Political Action Committee, Chairman Sidney Hillman told a press conference at which he declared PAC would welcome a congressional probe of its affairs and activities.

GOP Caught With Fascist On Its Ticket

CHICAGO — (FP) — Embarrassed but not angry, Cook County Republican Committee members are taking their time in examining the case of Charles J. Anderson, fascist, who is their candidate in the sixth Chicago congressional district.

Demands for repudiation of Anderson by the Republican party are spreading through his district, culminating in a mass meeting where AFL, CIO, Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and Czech representatives will speak.

National Supply

You often hear the remark what has the CIO done for us?

If you brothers who were with us before we organized will notice that the CIO has got us a 19-cent general raise and a week vacation with pay besides better working conditions, and a good sound bidding and learning system. So let's stick together and attend all Unit meetings and take an active part on committees, etc. Remember it isn't the organization, it is you brothers and sisters behind the organization that make a good union.

AROUND THE SHOP

Just a reminder from Smitty our cafeteria man to bring back all bottles, especially pop bottles as they will only leave as much pop as they get bottles. We notice the new cash register Smitty has really speeds up service.

The boys are wondering why Art Wise has the floor worn thin between the Flat Scrapping and the Navy Tool Crib. What is all the attraction Art?

Bernice Fisher in the gear filing is back to work after a 30-day vacation in sunny California. We all missed your smile Bernice which is so prominent now.

Glen Ludwig, Dept. 36, is back to work after a month's illness.

Who is the meek mannered bartender at Local 12 by the name of Emil, who first gives us good service at the bar and then tells the boys to get to H--- out?

Due to the shortage of oats the Dept. 86 horse jockey Ken Hovel will have to go without his spurs, and maybe his horse in the very near future.

Marge Woeller our head nurse is back on the job all browned up after a vacation in Florida. We all missed Margy's friendly smile.

Don't forget we have an indoor team and any of you brothers who would like to try out contact our new manager Fred Pettit.

Bill Carico Dept. 85 inspector is carrying a smile that won't come off. Seems he taught his sister how to read a pair of mics and after 30 days she received 4c more per hour than he does. Of course, she doesn't work at the National Supply Company.

Business is No. 3 Tool Crib dropped to a new low last week. Could it be that there was no attraction because the young lady was off sick?

Why did the Radials Drill operators in Dept. 84 suddenly decide they wanted to work at the Packard? It couldn't be because they are underpaid, could it?

Now that Bob Pund is working in Dept. 38 days he is satisfied because he is on the kind of work he likes. Counterweights.

Slim Studywin Dept. 38 is back to work after a trip to Illinois to visit his sick mother-in-law.

Charlie Sleep, Dept. 37 who was recently in Chicago on a vacation saw his mother for the first time in eight years.

Canco (I) Opener

By Ted Modrowski

HERE AND THERE

Sue Whitten, Dept. 2 timekeeper continues to insist that the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL is the most informative paper she's ever read and we can't help but agree with her.

We overheard a remark the other day that really hit the spot and here it is, "The only reason Rome wasn't built in a day was because Canco supervision wasn't bossin' the job." But then when you think of the attitude they have toward people, maybe it would never have been built." Quite clever old timer, you speak with wisdom.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

God bless this great country of ours with its blossoming cities, towns and villages, but Oh Lord! Why must we be plagued by ..... (In the space that is blank you can insert your pet plague the writer has his and no doubt you have yours.)

THE TIME IS NOW

Picture if you can, the earnestness with which our boys in service faced that grim task that had to come, yes that day we all wished for, but with a certain fear—D-Day. They have a tremendous job before them and we at home are supporting them with more enthusiasm than ever. We know they will do their jobs and do it well, but what will the reward be for those who will return to us? Will we ask them to fight for us again or will we get busy now and build our Union to a point where the boys can come back home, shake your hand and say, "If this is what we fought for, it sure was worth fighting for."

On The Surface

Since Ralph Ridenour has recently accepted the appointment to the Union labels committee, he has had quite an embarrassing time. Several of the boys in the shipping department have nearly tore his clothes off looking for union labels.

The Surface baseball team lost another ball game to Dorwood Onized last week. Although the Dorwood's drove only a few balls to the outfield they garnered 6 runs. The Surface bats were wailing but to no avail in the pinches. (SOS) felp, Help.

The volunteer firemen of Adams Twp. No. 2 were rather down in the mouth after hearing the lastest news. (No convention).

Scotty Roskuski is coming along nicely with his broken leg. We understand that he is up and around, a little. Tony Snyder paid us a visit recently after being off for quite some time.

Committeeman Duncan was again forced to take the bench as a result of an accident occuring in the shop several weeks ago.

Surface Combustion Unit met the news of the super eventful D-Day with a new spirit. We hope the bit we've done has had its effect on those inhuman powers which are trying to supercede democracy. Let's keep it that way. "The American Way."

Joe Markow doesn't care when he serves, but everyone can't be first. Let's take it easy boys after all he still makes the complete round.

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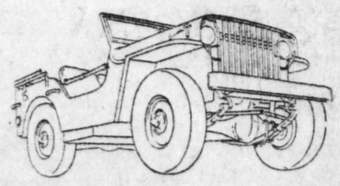

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Bridges Must Go

The resolutions passed last week by the Warehouse Workers and the Toledo Industrial Union Council condemning Harry Bridges and demanding his immediate removal as CIO regional director for the west coast, is but a reflection of the sentiment of CIO workers throughout the country.

Bridges' action in cooperating with Sewell Avery, anarchistic head of the Montgomery Ward Company during the recent struggle between the CIO and that company, was the immediate charge upon which the Toledo CIO based its demand for the removal of Bridges as CIO regional director.

But the sentiment in the CIO goes deeper than the formal charge against Bridges. Workers who have had their no-strike pledge repeatedly flaunted by management and used as a means of provoking and obstructing their organizations have not taken kindly to the Bridges proposal that labor give up its strike weapon after the war and "indefinitely". They suspect the motives behind this proposal.

Nor will the workers forget the efforts of the CIO to protect Harry Bridges from being extradited from the country; the thousands of dollars of their money which was spent in defending him in the courts and the long fight to save him from injustice.

In the light of Harry Bridges' record, before and during the war, and the evidence which he himself has already presented to illustrate what his position will be after the war, Bridges has proven that he is not only an ingrate, but a double-crosser and a traitor to the unions and the workers. Bridges should not only be repudiated, but should be driven in disgrace from the union which he has so brazenly betrayed.

To permit Bridges to remain in a position of trust and responsibility in view of his treasonable actions, is to invite disunity and disaster in the ranks of the CIO.

Labor Vote

It becomes increasingly evident that the major political parties are greatly concerned with the way labor will vote in 1944.

Claims that labor will not vote as a unit, but according to its feelings, the same as other groups, seems to be partly discredited in the fact of the election results obtained in the primaries, and the decision of Martin L. Dies not to seek re-election.

Perhaps those who say that labor will vote according to its feelings are right; but it becomes clearer that labor's feelings toward those congressional reactionaries who might have sought to weaken and discredit labor these past two years are crystalizing.

If labor votes according to its feelings, and we hope it does, it will be a bad year for some of those like Senator Robert A. Taft and Congressman Homer A. Ramey who have definitely proved that they are no friends of the people who work for a living.

But, before labor can vote its feelings, it must be eligible to vote. Having a feeling of resentment against public officials means little or nothing, unless those who hold such sentiments are qualified to vote and vote their feelings.

Thousands of CIO members have lost their right to vote. Thousands of these workers are complaining bitterly about the War Labor Board, unfavorable legislation, the increased cost of living and many other things which affect them.

Those who complain and want to do something about it, have it within their power to decide their own political and economic fate in the future. They can aid their own and their fellow workers' cause by registering to vote and casting their ballot in the fall.

It is not too early to register for the fall elections. The Board of Elections is open every day but Sunday, and will gladly take care of anyone who wishes to qualify for the November election.

If those workers who have bitterly complained will just take advantage of their opportunity, they can change their own situation by political action. They can become doers and not merely talkers. They can vote their feelings instead of voicing them. Register now.

What's New?

By Edward Duck,
Educational Director, Local 12

CHESTER BOWLES SPEAKS

Last week I heard a gentleman who occupies a high position in one of our larger units lambasting the OPA, blaming those in charge of this agency because stewards did not get extra gasoline to attend unit meetings, and refusing to agree that our plant transportation committeemen had done a good job for the workers.

Edward Duck

I suspect that this individual is unaware that it would require a change in orders coming from Washington to Toledo, for the local OPA to allow additional mileage for attendance at regular membership meetings, stewards included.

It is quite possible that what he was most interested in was taking full advantage of the opportunity of displaying his oratorical ability, what with the coming UAW convention delegate election fast approaching, considering that he is a most seasoned politician.

However, it might be well to bring out a bit of factual data right here and now, since the subject of OPA has been brought up, and the source of this information is none other than Chester Bowles, head man of the national OPA.

LOOK BACK!

There was no OPA for Republicans to snipe at during the first world war. Consequently, when inflation ended the dollar was worth but forty cents. Wholesale prices had risen 148%, and one-third of this increase occurred after the signing of the Armistice. Bread went from 6c to 12c a loaf. Eggs cost 92c a dozen, potatoes were multiplied in cost by four times the original price. Bituminous coal rose from $5.46 to $12.53. Butter and sliced ham more than doubled in cost.

An annual income of $2,000 was worth $960 after inflation.

Within five years after the inflationary period 106,000 firms went bankrupt, mostly small businesses. Between 1919 and 1921 five and one-half million people were added to the rolls of the unemployed. Factory payrolls shrank 44%, and weekly take-home pay went from $27.50 to only $20.70 for those who were still working.

BUT NOW!

Within 25 days after the Japs had cut off 90% of our rubber supply in the second world war 8,000 local rationing boards were set up and began to ration tires for thirty million passenger cars, numerous trucks and transportation vehicles.

On April 28, 1942, prices on eight million items were frozen as of the highest levels of the previous month. Between June and November more than nine million landlords registered their property, and 287 offices were opened, to be manned by 5,000 employees trained in rent control procedure.

Everything from bottled beer to used automobiles has been tagged with ceiling prices, so that runaway inflation and selfish greed do not run rampant. It was seen that three-fifths of the rise in living costs was the results of a 58% increase in fresh fruit and vegetable prices. Arrangements were made to cover these items, so for the first time since November of 1940 a decrease in prices was registered.

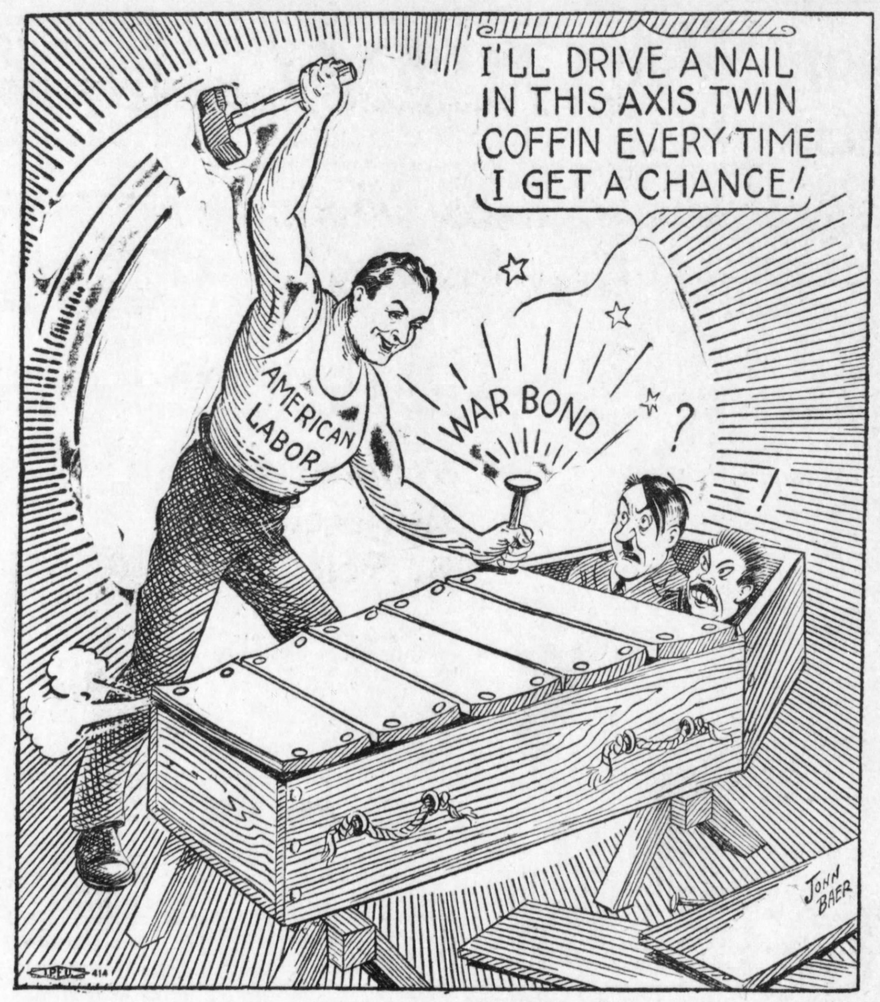
OPA has been under terrific pressure for sixteen hectic months. In spite of the opposition of the farm bloc, the rental groups, the business groups, and the congressional stooges, Chester Bowles' agency has operated with insufficient funds and still has managed to keep prices from approaching the level of World War 1.

Food items such as bread, eggs, coffee, sugar, and lard, whose cost formerly totaled $4.58 now are purchased for $1.82, in comparing prices of World War I and II. Remember that the grocery combines are not voluntarily holding down prices.

OUR OWN FAULT

If price ceilings have been violated it is your fault and mine. If black markets were allowed to operate, it is likewise ourselves who are to blame for patronizing them or not reporting the chiselers.

OPA needs support from us. Those who offer no support whatsoever are usually the most critical. It's easy to criticize, but I wonder how well some of the critics would handle OPA's task if it was their assingment instead of someone's else!



It's News To Me

By O. J. Pecord

SORRY FOLKS

Sorry folks, I mean both my readers; but I am about to bring up an old subject.

Remember me? I'm the guy who wrote about Governor John Bricker a couple of weeks ago. Some of you will probably remark, "yeah. We remember you. You're the guy who wrote about Ad Thacher last fall and he was elected." Never mind the sarcasm, just pay attention to what I am about to unfold.

Ollie Pecord

Just a couple weeks ago, (maybe it was three weeks) this column blossomed out with an article about the remarks which Governor John Bricker made during a trip to Texas.

And what did the sanctimonious Bricker say in Texas? He said, and you can believe me, that the CIO was going to spend $5,000,000 good American bucks to reelect President Roosevelt.

POT OR KETTLE

Assuming that the CIO had the $5,000,000 to spend to re-elect the president, it would be a mere drop in the bucket, relatively speaking, to what was spent to re-elect Governor Bricker to the governorship in 1940.

If Bricker's charges were true, which they certainly are not, it would be a case of the kettle calling the pot black.

As a matter of fact, the campaign to re-elect Bricker in 1940 cost his committee a total of $808,000. This is not my figure, but that which was filed with the secretary of state.

Whenever a campaign is as costly as the Bricker campaign of 1940 admits it was, you can have every assurance, even if you cant' prove it, that the 1940 campaign cost a lot more than the formal figures filed with the secretary of state. My own guess is, and again, I can't prove it, is that the Bricker campaign of 1940 cost far in excess of one million dollars.

FROM WHERE

And when we talk about $808,000 in 1940, before the war and before inflation, we are talking about a lot of hay. Not only that, but we begin to wonder where all this money came from.

Immediately, we begin to ask the question—who gives the kind of money that it took to elect Bricker to the governorship in 1940 and why do they give it?

After all, there is something screwy about spending $808,000 to elect a man whose official salary is a paltry $10,000 per year. But never mind that.

Let's inquire who puts up the heavy dough to elect guys like Bricker to office.

Utilities have been notorious for their lavish giving to political campaigns. They are strictly non-partisan. They give to both parties, to the principal candidates, and in the giving are so set, that regardless of who is elected, they (the utilities) can't lose.

Do you suppose that the people who put up the dough to elect Bricker and other candidates to public office do it out of the charity of their hearts? Or do they do it, because they expect to be able to look for favors from the ones they back?

THE PRICE

There is an old saying that "he who pays the fiddler calls the tune." In politics, this is particularly true. To be more specific, suppose that a candidate for public office receives a "donation" of $100,000 from the railroads to his campaign fund. This seems like a lot of money, but let us look at the possibilities.

Continuing the case, let us suppose that the candidate who receives the $100,00 "donation" is elected. Perhaps nothing happens; but better still, let us suppose that a law is passed to eliminate grade crossings with the cost to be shared equally by the railroads and the political subdivisions.

It is quite possible that the governor, or other public official who received the $100,000 gift could manage to use his influence to get legislation passed to change the cost of grade crossing elimination. Instead of splitting the cost, it is possible that the cost could be divided in such a way that the political subdivisions would pay 85 per cent and the railroads 15 per cent.

That would be a good deal for the railroads, particularly if the grade crossing elimination should cost $5,000,000. That would more than return the "investment" the railroads had in their political candidate. Indeed, it would be an excellent return, far exceeding the original "donation."

NO ACCUSATION

Now I am not saying that anything like this has occured in Ohio under the righteous Jawn Bricker. I merely point out that it would be quite possible, and that it could occur, particularly when people are willing to "invest" $804,000 in a candidate whose salary is $10,000 per year.

I point out this fact to show the silly position which Bricker takes when he makes his accusation against the CIO. At least, the job of president pays $75,000 per year and last for four years. In comparison, it looks to me like Mr. Bricker had better sweep off his own doorstep before he undertakes to lecture the CIO about the fabulous sum of money which he claims it is going to spend to re-elect Roosevelt.

As a matter of fact, the CIO has slightly more than $600,000 to date to spend and is spending it within the law, not to donate to the political campaign of any individual candidate, not even the President; but to educate its own members so they will be able to make a logical and sensible choice in their voting, and base their decision, not upon shady ideas; but upon economic principles.

It is obvious to me that Bricker's accusation is based upon his own experience in politics. Bricker has been a good "investment" for a lot of people who would like to give a few bucks more to him for president.

Editors' Mail

Resents Editorial

Dear Sir:

There was an editorial in The American Legion Councillor of June 2 to which I as a veteran of World War I and a member of the CIO take exception.

Based upon the Montgomery-Ward seizure by the federal government, the editorial quoted the Northwest Veteran (Seattle) which said in part, "thank God there are people, in this land of ours with the courage to resist what amounts to virtual confiscation." And again, "Mr. Avery has made a distinct sacrifice upon the altar of liberty."

Many other provocative statements were made in the local legion paper, which, I presume is supposed to represent the views of the members of the American Legion.

I want to say that the opinions expressed in the Legion paper do not reflect the views which I hold about the Montgomery-Ward case or labor in general. I doubt if the editorial represents the views of a majority of the rank and file members of the American Legion. Yet, there it is, as big as life, carrying the mail for the vested interests a majority of its own members who must work for a living.

It is because of editorials like this and the stand taken by some of the Legion leadership in the past, that the Legion has been suspect in the minds of many workers, veterans who do not want their organization to become a labor baiting ,labor hating association.

It seems to me that in view of the situation in this country today, that the Legion paper in Toledo would make certain of its ground before taking off on any union and rising to defend Sewell Avery who is not making any sacrifice on the altar of liberty, but is acting like an anarchist. Perhaps the officials of the Legion had better exert a little more control over their editorial policy and advise their edior to concern himself with subjects about which he has more knowledge.

Fraternaly yours,
Ed. Fitzgerald,
National Supply Unit

Servicemen's Letters

Wondering

"Dear Gang:

I keep wondering if when Colin Kelly and Captain Henderson shoved the stick forward and departed this life in a bright blaze of eternal glory —was this the last we shall ever know of them? Or when Butch O'Hare and Maj. Boyington drove the guns of his cruiser, spitting destruction, into the teeth of the Jap fleet, only to gasp his life out on the hot, shell-torn bridge of his ship, was that the end? What of the hundreds of cemeteries with all their little white crosses, strung all the way from Guadalcanal to the Anzio beachhead?

Is man just a thing of flesh and blood and bones, which in time becomes only dust and ashes? Is man that and nothing more? No, gang, I'm sure that where ever the place is that heroes go, the O'Hares and the Boyingtons, the Kellys and the Hendersons are all joined together with the Smiths and the Jones and the Cohens and all the other names which have been written in blood on the honor rolls of our country...men who have given the last full measure of devotion to all of us.

With few exceptions, most of us have some pal or acquaintance who has answered the final muster. Let each of us keep faith with fellow friends, so that each of us may say they did not die in vain. We, in our squadron are to leave tonight, but I just couldn't go until I had said goodbye and good luck."

Johnny Feick,
Dept. L. 2nd shift.

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

I am knocking out this piece on D-Day.

It is impossible to write of anything other than the Allied invasion of Nazified Europe. The whole world has looked forward to this historic day for so long—and now it is here. Now the blue chips are down on the table of history. Now it is only a matter of time until the European continent is purged of the Nazi tyrants.

Clayton W. Fountain

This is a time for sobriety and the thinking of deep thoughts.

It is a time to pick up our war aims, turn them over in our minds, study them closely, and assure ourselves that the boys giving up their lives for democracy in France are not dying in vain.

It is a time to fix in our minds the fact that the dictatorial system against which we are fighting is not strictly a German invention. Unless we understand that, and act accordingly, the lives of our brave boys may be wasted.

THE SAME THING

Fascism and Nazism are the same thing.

They are brutal systems, maintained by force and terrorism, and controlled by gangsters whom the plutocrats hire to defend their riches and privileges against the natural growth of democracy.

Private wealth, when reserved and controlled in the interests of a privileged minority, is a natural enemy of democracy.

The rise of Hitlerism in Europe was paid for out of the swollen purses of continental plutocrats. German industrialists and financiers subsidized the Nazi organization. They did this as a last resort, to save their fortunes and their luxurious way of living from the leveling influences of democratic growth.

DESTROYED DEMOCRACY

After taking over government in Germany, the Nazis proceeded to destroy the institutions of democracy.

They broke up the working-class political parties and chopped off the heads of popular leaders of the common people. They smashed the labor unions and killed or jailed, the leaders of the organized workers. This was the dirty work that the Nazis had been hired by the plutocrats to do.

When the Nazis grew stronger, they struck at democracy in Spain, in Austria, in Czechoslovakia. Finally they swallowed Poland and marched over France. And, every step of the way the plutocrats of the conquered countries chose to welcome the Nazi system, rather than to risk the levelling results of a democratic resistance to the Nazi system.

With the Nazis poised across the channel to strike a death blow at Britain, it was only the courage and determination of the British workers that aroused England to really fight back.

DO NOT FORGET

Now, in the excitement of the invasion, it is our duty not to forget that we have plutocrats here in America who pretend to hate Fascism and Nazism but who would gladly embrace an American system of plutocratic dictatorship in order to save their skins and their money-bags.

These are the rogues who demand and work for the suppression of American labor unions. It is their stooges who stimulate racial prejudice and incite race riots. Their ill-gotten riches finance the campaigns to repeal fair labor legislation and social security measures. They are the Nazis and Fascists of America.

If we of labor do not register and vote and maintain a government devoted to defeat of these native tyrants, we will betray the boys who are dying on the beaches of France.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser, Director,
Region 2B, UAW-CIO

LABOR AND MANAGEMENT

In the Preamble of the UAW-CIO Constitution, we find this interesting statement:

"We believe that Organized Labor and Organized Management possess the ability and owe the duty to society of maintaining *through cooperative effort*, a mutually satisfactory and beneficial employer-employee relationship based upon understanding through the medium of conference."

Richard Gosser

Philip Murray, our national president in his talk at the Civic Auditorium stated that the future of postwar America depended upon cooperative effort.

Eric Johnston, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce has repeatedly stated that the welfare of this country is going to hinge on how well labor and management get along after the war.

Bearing this thought in mind, it occurs to me that if both labor and management believe what they say, and I am positive labor does, there could be no better time than the present to prove it.

IRRITATING LABOR

There are many enlightened and progressive employers in this country. On the other hand, there are still too many employers whose thinking has not advanced past 1932, who believe that labor must be suppressed and prevented from securing too much say-so on working conditions, hours, wages and other important items of vital interest to the workers.

It is my firm conviction, that those employers who have maintained good labor relations during this war period are going to be in the driver's seat occupying a place of advantage when the war is over and peacetime production resumes.

Employers who have maintained good relations will certainly be able to reconvert much more rapidly and get into production sooner than those who have used the war emergency as a means of irritating their workers.

What will the attitude of the workers be in industries where every means has been used to hinder, suppress and provoke them by a management?

BOTH ARE HUMAN

After all, workers are no less human than those who employ them. They are probably as given over to sentiments of resentment, anger and vindictiveness as their bosses.

Because of the many irritations which have been given the workers by some plant managements, it would be a good idea for them to wake up, if this is possible, and change their attitude before the end of the war. They might try a bit of that cooperative spirit which their enlightened leaders talk about. It would no doubt pay dividends in the post-war period.

Finally, and I say this without reservation, the time to cooperate is now. To try to begin to cooperate after the war will meet with suspicion on the part of the workers.

By all means, let labor and management cooperate; but let them do it during the war when so much is at stake, and reap the benefits of their relationship when the war is over and we resume normal production.

A word to the wise should be sufficient.

The Story Of The UAW-CIO

By Melvin M. Schultz,
President Local 12, UAW-CIO

PART III

INTERNAL CONFLICT

After the great successes of 1937, before much progress could be made, it was necessary for this large but new organization to learn to democratically govern itself.

The companies had not yet recognized that the UAW was here to stay. Some of the union leadership also lacked experience and the International President, Homer Martin, could not develop an overall program. He was an impressive speaker who could not follow thru with a program of action, and he would often denounce certain strikes he had previously authorized.

Melvin Schultz

When, as a result of this type of leadership, unprincipled factions arose to wrest control. President Martin could have clarified the issues on principles, instead he joined one of these and illegally suspended five of the seven elected officers of the International.

The CIO leadership confered with both groups and unity was temporarily restored and the suspensions lifted, but soon after Martin denounced the CIO and attempted to make a secret deal with the Ford Motor Co.

Confronted with facts, Martin claimed he was negotiating a secret but legitimate agreement to be publicized at the proper time.

When asked to appear before a special convention to be called in Cleveland March 20, 1939 and explain his proposals, he responded by suspending 15 of the 24 members of the International Board. Five of those not suspended joined with the suspended members and declared the action unconstitutional.

These 20 board members preferred charges. He was tried. Found guilty and expelled from the UAW-CIO. R. J. Thomas was then elected President.

Martin and his followers took into the AFL. That branch of the UAW immediately proceeded to disintegrate the shops voting one after another to rejoin the UAW-CIO.

At the next convention the necessary changes were made to guarantee rank and file democracy in this largest labor union in the World.

Leading Players in Coming Films

Phyllis Thaxter playing in a forthcoming picture, "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo"

Frances Rafferty is working on her new role in the M-G-M picture, "Gold Town," starring Wallace Beery.

Esther Williams uses waterproof makeup in the filming of "Bathing Beauty!" She plays opposite Red Skelton.

Here is another honey! ... name is Eve Whitney. She also plays in the Technicol ... sical, "Bathing Beauty."

Roddy McDowell, You will be seeing this young star this week at Loew's Valentine Theatre in one of his greatest roles "The White Cliffs of Dover," which stars Irene Dunn.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Filmland, Radio Mobilize For D-Day Coverage

HOLLYWOOD, June 9 (FP)—While radio brings the sounds of invasion into your home with on-the-spot description, the movie cameraman will also be moving in with the troops under fire. Within surprisingly short time you will see the actual assault on Fortress Europe in your neighborhood theater.

In newsreels now you are being introduced to some of the invasion camera corps assembled in London for their new task assignment. They are veterans of other world fronts, some of them wounded and ready for more. They handle lovingly new invasion model cameras with telefoto lenses.

Newsreels have worked out their invasion operations with the army and navy. Former newsreel men in key positions in the armed forces will expedite the dispatch of films back to this country.

Only Half Story

What films and radio do in bringing the invasion home to us is only half the story. Films and radio are weapons of invasion, too. The OWI reports that 6,178 reels of Hollywood film are ready in England to follow the invasion forces with entertainment, education and news dubbed in the languages of the countries.

Follow-through invasion films for specific countries are now being prepared in Hollywood. The Hollywood Writers Mobilization is doing the script job for OWI and major studios will divide the producing. Each scripter has an advisory committee including nationals of the country concerned.

Radio technicians and production men will also move up with the troops and operate captured broadcasting installations. Meantime the OWI is organizing for shortwave broadcasts from this country in which American stars who came from the liberated countries will broadcast in their native tongues.

Women Are Angered By Prices

By Eleanor Fowler
Secretary-Treasurer,
CIO Women's Auxiliaries

If there is one thing the women of this country are really sore about it is the price increases and quality decreases which feature our wartime textiles and clothes.

Our CIO cost of living study shows that clothing costs have gone up 72% since January 1941. We regard that as a conservative figure. Off hand, we would have said that they had doubled in the past two years. Everything we buy today is not only much more expensive to begin with, but wears out in about half the old time.

And there's so much waste. All of us have had the experience of buying a shirt, a house dress, pants for the children or something else and finding that after one washing it had shrunk so much it wouldn't fit.

Every housewife will tell you, clothing is the weakest point in our whole price control structure. It's the place where there is the worst cheating, the most shameless chiseling on quality, the most outrageous gauging of the public.

In spite of all this, the Senate Banking and Currency Committee has adopted the Bankhead amendment to the Price Control Act which would mean at least an 8% increase in clothing costs.

Costs Will Increase

Low cost items would increase much more than that because of the nature of the formula. Under the Bankhead amendment the price on each textile construction (denim, chambray or any other fabric) would have to be set at a point that would cover total cost of production 90% of the industry plus a reasonable profit.

Before the war many firms sold low cost fabrics at a price which did not cover total costs. They let their more expensive fabrics pay for the overhead. The result of the Bankhead amendment therefore, would be big increases in low cost items like work shirts, overalls, housedresses, etc.

OPA has been setting ceilings at a point where 60 to 70% of the industry could make a fair profit. Even those ceilings have given low cost producers staggering profits. Imagine what would happen if the price should now be raised to meet the costs of 90% of the industry. The big textile manufacturers will simply coin money. The consumer will take it in the neck.

Door Is Open

And not just on clothes either. If the textile lobby gets the price increase which the Bankhead amendment would guarantee think what pressure the milk interests will bring for an amendment to increase their price, and the oil interests. The door to inflation will be wide open.

Maybe we've been a little too sure about the price control fight. We've seen so clearly ourselves the disastrous consequences of a breakdown in control that we've found it hard to believe the act was really threatened.

The approval of the Bankhead amendment by a 12 to 8 vote in the Senate Committee should bring home to us how immediate the danger is. There's still time to save price control, but it's going to take an intensified campaign in the next three weeks.

We have a wonderful weapon in the universal indignation of American women about the cost and quality of clothing. Let's show them that the first concrete step they must take to get clothing prices under control is to urge their Senators and Congressmen to defeat the Bankhead amendment to the price control act and all other weakening amendments.

Let's urge them to call up their governors, their mayors, and other public officials and ask them to put pressure on Congress to save price control.

Let's get the women on the march. Their opinion carries weight in this election year.

Screen's Famed Child Star Now Is Real Actor

HOLLYWOOD—Moppet screen star Jackie "Butch" Jenkins is growing up—and fast.

Since he made his screen bow in "The Human Comedy" a year ago four events in his young life indicate this. He has grown eight inches in height. He has learned to print his name, a handy accomplishment, for even

six-year-olds are asked for autographs in Hollywood. He has learned to act.

These facts about Butch were revealed during a visit to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, where he was then playing the top featured role in the Technicolor production "National Velvet."

Typical American Kid

Butch seems little changed, however. Despite his increased height he looks the same. His face, covered with ginger-snap freckles, still has the gamin quality that won him the hosannas of critics and movie audiences. He still is a normal, romping, American kid, and by far the busiest individual in the company. As soon as a scene is finished, he romps off to some new interest. Sometimes it is the sound equipment, sometimes the camera. His curiosity is insatiable and like all youngsters of his age he wants to know the "why" and "what-for" of everything.

The greatest change in Butch is that, in his brief time before the cameras, he has become an actor, according to Director Clarence Brown, an authority on Master Jenkins, for he is directing "National Velvet" as he did "The Human Comedy."

Now Conscious Actor

"A year ago Butch was completely unconscious of acting. We used to offer him candy as a prize for performing according to instructions. He had never seen a movie and did not realize he was acting. Now Butch is conscious of a job to be done and does it," Brown pointed out.

"It's all rather a matter of awareness. Now he learns his lines ahead of time, and has even managed to acquire a trace of British accent, as required for the screen story which is set in England."

"Moviegoers won't notice a difference in Butch," opined Brown, "for he is just as natural as he was a year ago. But it is much easier to work with him. Now he is an actor."

Frank Morgan Finds Keen Delight In Being The Gentleman Farmer

Frank Morgan leads a double life as actor and farmer. A year or so ago, Morgan bought 550 acres 120 miles southeast of Hollywood. He wanted to relax and felt he ought to be able to ease himself out on such a stretch of ground. As for the soil itself, Morgan decided forthwith it needed vitamins, and he's been feeding them to it since.

When he took over the farm, it reminded him of the long-suffering heroine in old-fashioned melodrama—abandoned. On it was a weather-beaten frame house that looked haunted. The soil was bone dry, so Farmer Morgan started in by doing so much irrigating that his rancho soon resembled a cross-section of Holland.

Then he got out the old seed bag and planted alfalfa and barley. Next, he got himself 40 head of cattle and 60 hogs. He has them for breeding purposes. His cattle are all in the A-picture class, but what he particularly prides himself on is his all-star cast of porkers.

He has his own electric plant, but no telephone. That's because at times he wants to be cut off from the outside world. He was able to do this before the war, with his 85-foot cruiser, but he turned that over to the Navy.

War and Victory Gardens

It was the war and Victory gardens that gave Morgan the idea of turning gentleman farmer. He felt the urge to be growing things. Now that he's doing it, he finds himself 25 miles from a railroad and without shipping facilities, so he has to haul the stuff all the way to Los Angeles. But once he mounts a truckload of alfalfa, he really goes to town.

Morgan finished playing an important role in the picture, picture, "The White Cliffs Of "The White Cliffs of Dover," now playing this week at the Valentine Theatre, just in time to get back to his farm and help with the harvesting.

As an adopted son of the soil, his working hours run from 6:30 A. M. to sundown. He has three saddle horses, and knows how to ride them. But most of the time pilots a tractor.

Morgan isn't such a green hand at farming as might be supposed. When he was a young fellow he left New York City and went to New Mexico, where for a year he was a cowboy.

Actor Leon Ames Much In Demand

HOLLYWOOD—That it never rains but it pours is an adage true in the career of Leon Ames, now appearing in "The Thin Man Goes Home", with William Powell and Myrna Loy.

Ames, who arrived in Hollywood a year ago, at first found plenty of idle time on his hands. Then came a M-G-M contract and successive featured roles in "Meet Me in St. Louis," "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo', and "Thin Man."

This week Ames received a wire from New York offering him the lead in the new Rachel Crothers' play, scheduled for fall opening on Broadway.

He had to turn it down.

Star Soldier or Sailor In Five Screen Roles

HOLLYWOOD (Special) —Robert Walker just can't get out of uniform!

Bob scored his first screen success with Robert Taylor in "Bataan', as a young sailor. "See Here, Private Hargrove", followed by the role of a soldier in "Since You Went Away."

As soon as the actor finishes portraying Corporal David Thatcher in "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo", he'll again don khaki to appear opposite Judy Garland in "The Clock", the love story of a young soldier and his sweetheart.

Ziegfeld Stars Of Other Days Meet

HOLLYWOOD—It was like old times for Fanny Brice recently when she entertained Harry Pilcer on the set of "Ziegfeld Follies" where she was playing her famous Baby Snooks skit as a feature of a musical.

Pilcer, partner and husband of the fabulous Gaby Deslys, appeared with Miss Brice in her initial appearance as a star in Florenz Ziegfeld's 1910 revue, and it was their first meeting since that time.

Back in this country less than two years after escaping Nazi imprisonment in Paris, and with the Legion of Honor ribbon, Pilcer is in Hollywood as house guest of Miss Brice. At present, he is busy writing the life story of Miss Deslys, one of the theater's most colorful figures, for a possible motion picture.

Heard on A Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD — Frank Sinatra's visit to Bud Abbott and Lou Costello recently gave an opportunity for a little offscene clowning. Costello, appropriately enough, was wearing rouge, lip stick and a curly brunette wig, plus a woman's costume, for a female impersonation he does in the sequence of "Lost In A Harem."

When Sinatra arrived on the set, Costello ran up to him and almost collapsed in his arms. "Oh-hh-hh, Frankie! Oh-hh-hh, Frankie;" he gasped, panting.

"What's the matter, Costello?" Abbott asked. "Don't tell me you are swooning!"

"Swooning!" retorted Lou. "Heck, no! This darned girdle is killing me!"

Chicago Scene Of CUA Convention

DETROIT (FP)—The Confederated Unions of America will hold its annual convention in Chicago some time in October, announces Pres. Matthew Smith.

Questioned on alleged company unions among the affiliates, Smith told Federated Press:

"Every labor organization has some company-union or company-minded affiliates. The difference is that we throw them out as fast as it can be proved that they are company unions."

He declined to comment on the Natl. War Labor Board device for affording some limited representation to socalled indepedent unions in cases affecting their interests except to say that it was a farce and not worth a statement as it changed nothing.

Latin Baritone In MGM Filmusical

HOLLYWOOD—Opera singer Carlos Ramirez, South American operatic baritone now under contract to Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, has been given one of the featured roles in "Anchors Aweigh," in which Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly and Kathryn Grayson play the leads.

Ramirez is to portray—suitably enough—a young opera singer in the musical comedy which George Sidney is to direct and Joe Pasternak produce. Since his first screen roles in "Two Girls and a Sailor" and "Bathing Beauty," Ramirez has been singing in some of the west coast's smart night clubs, including Hollywood Clover Club and the Bal Tabarin in San Francisco.

R & R Unit Noise

Our job specifications are something that is comparatively new to most of us and there seems to be some misunderstanding of there use. They are important to each and every one of us for the following reasons.

1. They are used by the Committee and management in negotiating wage rates. The harder and more complex the job, and more duties, the higher the rate on that job. In connection with wage negotiations, they are also used to compare our jobs in this area, so that they may apply "Area Rates."

2. They are used to prevent the company from having us sweeping the floor, washing the windows, winding the clock and putting the cat out, besides our regular duties. Come to think of it, that's probably the reason why our windows aren't washed. They have to be scraped now.

3. They help to get the idea of the different jobs that are posted from time to time, so that we may bid on them if we desire.

There are other reasons for the existence of job specifications but in any case, the ridiculous should be avoided, for to make them ridiculus is to take the true value away.

If we all use them for the reasons above, or at least with these reasons in mind, they should become more valuable.

Last but not least, they should be used only in consideration of the particular job and never the employee who may happen to be on that job at that time.

News of the G. I. Joes and Janes seems to be diminishing but I do have a couple. Bobby Thorton is now a paratrooper. Mary Ellen Hunt is a Spar and is located in Galveston, Texas. Jim Rarrick is in the field artillery, Camp Phillips.

ITURBI FINISHES FILM ROLE

Jose Iturbi has completed appearances in "Music for Millions", with his piano solo of Debussy's "Claire de Lune" and direction of the symphony orchestra in "March of the Toys" from Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland." Other classical numbers, including piano solos by Iturbi and selection by the hundred piece symphony were previously filmed. Henry Koster is directing "Music for Millions" and Joe Pasternak is the producer.

Ace Designer To Garb Tiny Star

HOLLYWOOD—For the first time in screen history, a seven-year-old screen star is to wear clothes created especially for her by a great designer.

The actress is Margaret O'Brien, the couturiere is Irene, executive designer. The picture in which Margaret will disport herself in these juvenile fashions will be "Music for Millions."

Margaret will wear seven changes of garb in the film, comprising everything a little girl's heart and fancy could desire, from a finely detailed dressmaker suit to typical collegiate sleeping pajamas.

"Diamond Rock," Tragic Romance, To Be Filmed

HOLLYWOOD—"Diamond Rock", a dramatic and tragic story of a married woman's love for a younger man, written by the brilliant English author Alec Waugh, has been purchased by M-G-M and will be produced with an all-star cast.

Locale of the story is in the West Indies and the lush tropical setting of the islands provides a background in keeping with the romantic phases of the story's action. It is planned for fall production.

IT'S TRUE!* By Wiley Padan

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Starlet Marilyn Maxwell, appearing in M-G-M's "Three Men in White," is a great lover of music, in fact it is her chief hobby. She has a record library which fills an entire room in her home. She has learned several opera arias to vary her "torch" songs. "Three Men in White" will soon be on the screen at Loew's.

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Hillman Praises AFL Political Cooperation

WASHINGTON, June 9 (FP)—A very fine cooperation exists in the field between units of the AFL and the CIO Political Action Committee, Chairman Sidney Hillman said June 7 at a press conference here at which he said PAC would welcome a congressional probe of its affairs and activities.

Asked whether PAC is finding support from AFL central labor unions and other affiliates in the country generally, Hillman said "we have had a very fine cooperation. He added that he 'couldn't ask for better cooperation" from AFL members.

When reporters asked why AFL men were cooperating, Hillman said that the cooperation did not necessarily mean they were pro-CIO, but that these AFL workers are "interested in what will happen to them after the war" and mean to do something about it now.

Discusses Attacks

Discussing the attacks on PAC, Hillman said, "The results in Florida, Texas, Alabama, Oregon and California, and other states have startled some of our smug politicians, to put it mildly . . . The contest is clearly joined. PAC wants the biggest vote in history in this most momentous year in our history. Its opponents want the smallest vote. We have a choice then, of hand-picked Americanism by a hand-picked few—the goal of our opposition—or real Americanism, chosen by a great electorate aware of the tremendous issues before it."

Hillman released a copy of a letter to Sen. Theodore F. Green, chairman of the Senate committee on privileges and elections, advising him that "I should be happy to appear before your committee" and would welcome an investigation.

When reporters tried to get Hillman to confine the aims of PAC to strictly labor issues, he replied "We are interested in all things touching the good of the nation. We are especially concerned about post-war employment and international cooperation."

Hillman said that Sen. Rufus C. Holman, the Oregon Republican defeated in the recent primary there, was regarded by PAC as a "dangerous isolationist." He cited that instance as an example of PAC going into a Republican primary.

Small Storekeeper Avery

Asked about Chairman Harrison E. Spangler of the Republican National Committee's concern regarding PAC, Hillman remarked "I think he will be more and more concerned as we hear from additional primaries. Spangler is concerned, he says, about the small businessman. He means a small storekeeper like Mr. Avery . . . a small filling station operator like Mr. Pew."

Concerning Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Hillman said he believed Dewey has no program and "there is no question of his ignorance of the problems facing the nation."

Hillman repeated that PAC will not expect every CIO member to vote as it recommends, but that its job was to bring the issues out with the facts.

PAC will hold a national meeting here June 16-17 to adopt its platform. The 14 regional directors and leading unionists, will come here June 15 to confer on the program.

National Opening Of 5th War Loan

With the same characteristic all-out efforts that mark its daily assaults on production records, labor played an important role as "Civilian D-Day" in Texarkana, U. S. A., inaugurated the Treasury's 5th War Loan Drive. While the eyes and ears of a nation were focused on this Arkansas-Texas community yesterday (June 12), Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., offiically opened the national campaign—just six days after the opening of a campaign by the Allies in France, Europe.

Orson Welles and a galaxy of Hollywood's outstanding stars brought a dramatic spectacle over all the leading networks into millions of radio sets throughout a listening country in a program emanating from this "Typical American Town."

Trade unions in the Texarkana district responded quickly and were among the foremost contributors as the two-county quota of $4,375,000 was attained. Business managers of unions in the Texarkana Central Trades and Labor Council reported 100% cooperation on the part of their members. Lee Baldwin, president of the Council, was among those on the welcoming committee for Secretary Morgenthau.

Electrical Workers Union No. 301 set up a special "Civilian D-Day" program which called for every member of the organization to purchase and sell bonds. An award of a $25 bond was presented personally by Business Manager A. R. Miesch to the member who bought or sold the greatest number of bonds. Besides, the union itself purchased $3,000 worth.

The Texarkana Plumbers and Steam Fitters Union presented a $50 bond to the best "salesman in its group. The Motion Picture Operators Union No. 383 gave a $25 "hunk of investment in the U. S. A." to its top bond seller, while other members of the Council including the Operative Plasterers and Cement Finishers Local No. 310, Fireman's Union, and Carpenters' Local No. 379 rallied to the opening of the 5th War Loan.

Workers at the Lone Star Ordnance Plant subscribed for a total of $500,000 worth of bonds.

UAW Local Upholds No-Strike Pledge

DETROIT (FP)—By a margin of two votes the DeSoto Local 227 of the United Auto Workers (CIO) decided in favor of retaining the no-strike pledge, in a referendum of the membership taken in conjunction with election of Michigan CIO delegates June 9.

DeSoto is a sister local of Chrysler Highland Park Local 490 which staged an unauthorized stoppage in two spasms last month. DeSoto faced strong sentiment for a sympathetic walkout at the time, which was channeled off into the referendum.

Victory for the no-strike adherents is expected to have a favorable effect on efforts to maintain the pledge in maneuvers at the Michigan CIO convention which opens in Grand Rapids July 12 and is sometimes regarded as a dress rehearsal for the UAW convention because the great majority of the state delegates are UAW members whose leaders find the state gathering suitable for skirmishing.

About the same time as the DeSoto vote the no-strike pledge got a serious dent when the Detroit-Wayne County Tool & Die Council petitioned the UAW international executive board to rescind the pledge.

The council is affiliated with the UAW-CIO.

"The no-strike pledge, in our experience in the shop," says Secretary Orrin H. Peppler of the council, "causes more stoppages than it prevents. It is directly responsible for the spontaneous strikes and the inability of union leadership to adjust grievances.

"Adherence to the federal law, which permits strikes after 30-day notice, would greatly diminish actual stoppages because managements would be ready to bargain in good faith if they knew that our best weapon was in reserve in case of need.

"Managements are doing all they can to break down our shop steward and bargaining committee structure. This is borne out clearly in the Chrysler dispute where the international union officers, having pledged themselves and their members to a non-strike policy, were compelled to advocate breaking a picket line established after a majority vote of the members in question."

The action of the tool and die council has no legislative effect and is in contravention of both UAW-CIO and of CIO convention pledges not to strike, regardless of provocation.

Experts Support Bill For Permanent FEPC

WASHINGTON. (FP)—Representatives of inter-racial commissions of Detroit and St. Louis testified June 5 before the House Labor committee in support of the Scanlan bill for a permanent Fair Employment Practice commission. Witnesses were Mrs. Beulah T. Whitby of Detroit and David M. Grant.

NLRB Holds U. S. Law Supreme

WASHINGTON (FP) — Employers are not relieved of their duty to bargain with unions simply because a state legislature has adopted one of the several anti-union labor control laws, the NLRB ruled June 9 in a Florida case.

The NLRB held that congress did not intend to subject federal law "to the varied and perhaps conflicting provisions of state enactments."

In the case involved, the firm of Eppinger & Russell of Jacksonville, Fla. refused to bargain with a duly certified union because the union representative had not been "licensed as required by state law."

Finding that the company's refusal was an unfair labor practice under the National Labor Relations act, the NLRB ordered the company to bargain, upon request, with the Florida Citrus & Allied Workers (CIO).

The board's decision upheld the findings of its trial examiner who reported that "if the company's contention were accepted, the result would be, in effect, a nullification of the board's certification by operation of the Florida statute. Such an interpretation would be contrary to the plain language of the (Wagner) act and the many decisions of the board and the courts construing it."

Declaring that it was beyond question that "any such state law must yield before the paramount authority of congress expressed in a valid and applicable federal law," the NLRB said "there is no question but that the National Labor Relations act constitutionally applies to this respondent (company) and hence the sole inquiry must be whether that the duty of employers to bargain . . . should turn on the requirements of such state legislation."

In answer to the NLRB said "No doubt congress could have so provided, even though this would have subjected the enforcement of legislation national in scope to the varied and perhaps conflicting provisions of state enactments; but we find nothing in the language of the act or of its legislative history which warrants the belief that congress in fact did so provide."

The company was given 10 days to notify the board what steps it has taken to comply with the NLRB order.

Los Angeles Evictions No Housing Solution

LOS ANGELES—LPA—Cities whose populations have been swollen by war industries will have to keep an eagle eye to prevent occurrences similar to what has hapepned in recent weeks in Los Angeles.

Close o 200 families living in 57 substandard dwellings in three sections of Los Angeles were ordered to vacate their homes in a surprise move by personally posting abatement signs.

The action was severely criticized in a meeting of citizens in the area because no steps were taken before the get-out notices to provide better housing for those forced to move. No community agency in the area affected was consulted in advance.

Besides more than 1000 persons affected by the eviction notices, order to abate health, fire and sanitary regulations wereg iven more than 100 other families.

MACON, Ga. (FP) — Oldtime reign of terror tactics showed up in steel towns of Georgia as local bosses and politicians tried desperately to stem the rush of their underpaid workers into the United Steelwokers (CIO) with arrests and threats from the sheriff to union organizers.

Names Negro War Worker Representative

COLUMBUS, O. — (FP) — Paul Shearer, Negro war worker in the Curtiss-Wright Aircraft Corp. here, was appointed field representative of the CIO Political Action Committee in charge of work among Negro voters in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Announcing Shearer's appointment, Regional Director Jack Kroll said: "The Negro citizens are going to be for Pres. Roosevelt in 1944 just as they were in 1940. They also realize that the CIO is the only large labor group in America which has put up a consistent fight against racial discrimination and economic injustice which has been the lot of minority groups. All our committee has to do is to get the message of CIO-PAC to our colored voters and help them get registered. This will be Bro. Shearer's job."

FEPC Rally To Be Held In Detroit

DETROIT. (FP)—In celebration of the third anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 8802, which established the Fair Employment Practice Committee, the National Negro Congress will hold a rally in Detroit June 25. Main speakers will be Chairman John Anderson of the Detroit FEPC and Chairman C. Francis Stratford of the Chicago Council of the NNC.

AFL Paper Calls For FDR Election

CHICAGO. (FP)—In a 3-column, 18 pt. type editorial, Federation News, newspaper of the Chicago Federation of Labor, calls for a full labor vote in the November election to reelect President Roosevelt and return a progressive congress.

Standard Oil Rejects Proposal On Cartels

FLEMINGTON, N. J., June 9 (FP)—The annual stockholders meeting of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey voted overwhelmingly June 7 against a minority stockholder's proposal to bar the company from entering into any cartel agreements which limit production, fix prices or limit technological developments.

The resolution, introduced by William Floyd II, was snowed under by a vote of 19,407,627 shares to 289,142. In offering the resolution Floyd charged that Standard Oil's cartel agreement with the Nazi firm of I. G. Farbenindustrie had "prevented our government having adequate supplies of high octane gasoline and synthetic rubber for the war."

Most vocal opponent of the proposal was Stockholder James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany.

Don't Handle Wildlife 'Orphans'

The Sportsmen's Service Bureau of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute urges that the young of birds and animals found in the woods and fields be let alone. Young wildlife which appears to have been abandoned has usually not actually been deserted, and will be adequately cared for by parents if not molested. In the great majority of cases, efforts of persons inexperienced in the rearing of wild species to care for such "foundlings" end in wasteful failure. They are also likely to lead to trouble with the federal or State authorities unless special licensing and other provisions governing the taking, possession and rearing of live game and other wildlife are complied with.

Biggest Fish Taken In Test Nets

COLUMBUS, June 13—In test nets operated in streams and lakes in 1940-1-2, by the Fish Management Section of the Ohio Division of Conservation, the lengths of the various common following were the maximum varieties taken, recorded in inches:

Carp, 35, Turkeyfoot Lake; common sucker, 21, Lake Alma; quillback, 22, Indian Lake; long-nosed gar, 49, Turkeyfoot; buffalo, 30, Scioto River; white crappie, 16½, Piedmont; brown bullhead, 15, Guilford Lake; white bass, 15½, Indian Lake; walleye, 27, Indian Lake; spotted sucker, 19, Mosquito Creek; silver sucker, 24, Scioto; hog sucker, 15½, Harpersfield Dam; sauger, 18½, Scioto; muskellunge, 43, Maumee River; yellow bullhead, 17½, Sharon woods Lake; Warmouth Bass, 8½, Charles Mill; yellow perch, 10½, Pippin Lake; long-ear sunfish, Pippin Lake; red-ear sunfish, 11, 6½, Buckeye Lake; golden mullet, 20½, Pleasant Hill Reservoir; shovelhead cat, 43, Scioto; moon-eye, 16, Scioto.

Basses: (all taken at Buckeye Lake and in Southern Ohio waters by Lee Roach)—smallmouth, 19¼; largemouth, 21½; spotted, 15½; rockbass, 10; bluegill, 10.

There are some marks for Ohio anglers to shoot at this summer, says E. L. Wickliff, the fish management authority.

UAW Demands FDR

KENOSHA, Wis. (FP)—By acclamation, 2,000 members of Local 72, United Auto Workers (CIO), demanded reelection of President Roosevelt.

Sports News

Warns Of Dying Fish

CINCINNATI, June 12—Health Commissioner Carl Wiltzbach of Cincinnati, has issued a warning to local residents against eating dying fish which many people have been scooping out of the polluted Little Miami River with baskets. Wiltzbach said the fish apparently were dying because of industrial pollution, and that persons eating them probably would become ill. Samples of the water have been sent to the Ohio Conservation Division for analysis.

In discussing that situation Conservation authorities declared that when unusual conditions cause the death of large numbers of fish, as sometimes happens in the Scioto and Ohio Rivers, or elsewhere, the noticeably "sick" fish, although still able to move about, are of questionable quality for human consumption.

Ducks Are Tarrying In Ohio This Year

COLUMBUS, June 13—The spring migration of bluebill ducks, or scaups, through Ohio is lasting longer than usual this year. Many of the smaller lakes and ponds have from one to three pairs of these ducks, evidently biding their time before traveling into Canada to nest. Field men point out that there is still time for them to reach their Canadian summer home, since they seldom begin nesting before late June or early July.

Turtles Are Good Food

COLUMBUS, June 13—In the ration, ration, who has the points game, turtle meat isn't to be sneered at as a highly satisfactory substitute for beef, the Game Management Section of the Division of Conservation ventures to suggest. Catching turtles is a pursuit singularly devoid of restrictions. Turtles in streams, only, are protected by the same closed seasons as black bass, but in lakes, ponds and canals, may be taken at any time.

If a trap be used to take turtles, each mesh shall measure at least four inches each way, square mesh, and without leads or wings. There is no daily bag limit on turtles or frogs, but they may be sold only during the open seasons as fixed by the bass seasons.

Meat of both hard and softshelled turtles is equally good and easily prepared, say the initiated. "The kinds of ways in which turtle meat can be cooked are limited only by the cook's imagination, and the meat makes excellent soup stock," says one authority, "and the meat also may be canned by the usual methods for canning chicken and other meats."

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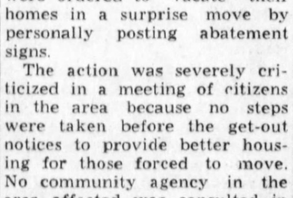
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